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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The instant application was allowed November 4, 2004. However, the Reasons for Allowance are not commensurate with the scope of the claims.

For example, and without limitation, "unit solid portions" are not limited to protrusions formed on the substrate. Unit solid portions need not be protrusions. For example, and without limitation, a unit solid portion may be a portion of a solid portion that produces or helps produce an electric field for forming a liquid crystal domain. For instance, the example unit solid portions 14b' shown in the figures need not be protrusions.

Please let me know if you should have any questions.

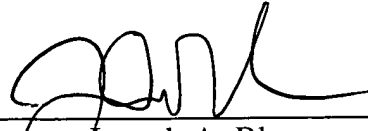
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